

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING of the COUNCIL for the TOWN OF PRESCOT was held on FRIDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER, 2012 in the WEST STREET OFFICE COMPLEX, 9 WEST STREET, PRESCOT, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

R. Arnall, Flanders, Flatley, D. Friar, Loyden, McGarry, Molloy, L. O’Keeffe, Rigby, Smith and M. Sommerfield.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dan Wilson—Town Clerk
Jackie Rigby—Assistant to the Town Clerk

APOLOGIES

Councillors Allen, S. Arnall, M. Friar, Lloyd, McEgan, and S. O’Keeffe.

46. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

47. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor Rigby, - Agenda item 12 - Budget Monitoring.

48. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27 July, 2012 be agreed as a correct record, and with the following amendment to the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August, 2012 (Minute 45—Police Investigation—paragraph 6 should read—seconded by Councillor D. Friar and not Councillor R. Arnall) the minutes be agreed as a correct record.

49. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

(i) CARNIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING—14 AUGUST 2012

It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Carnival Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2012 be APPROVED and SIGNED by the Chairman.

At this point Councillor Flatley reported on the success of the 2012 Carnival.

(ii) **GENERAL PURPOSES & FINANCE COMMITTEE/RE-LOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the minutes of the General Purposes & Finance Committee/Re-Location Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2012 be **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** by the Chairman.

50. **ANNOUCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council said he was pleased with the updated Prescot Town Council logo and presentation format of the Council Agenda and Code of Conduct.

51. **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE TOWN CLERK**

(i) **UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATION REQUEST FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

The Town Clerk informed Members that notification of rejected planning applications is available from the Knowsley Website planning portal.

(ii) **BROWNSFIELD CHANGING ROOMS**

The Town Clerk reported of vandalism at Browns Fields this included:

- outside power box destroyed
- meter cupboard damaged
- arson attack to changing facility
- spoken recently to Environmental Health to assess damage for insurance purposes.

The Town Clerk recently met with Friends of Browns Field who have expressed a desire to develop a master plan for the park which will help to draw in external funding for future developments.

(iii) **EATON STREET**

The north boundary wall has suffered vandalism—safety repairs were required. The Town Clerk has issued an instruction to carry out a make safe repair to the wall. The wall itself is similar to a dry stone wall and has been prone to systematic vandalism. A long term solution is required such as a rebuild or installation of fencing on the road side of the fence to prevent access. Both of these options would require considerable capital investment and will need to be looked at in greater detail.

(iv) FUNDING FOR EATON STREET

The Town Clerk informed Members he had been approached by Knowsley MBC to submit a £40k funding application to assist in the replacement of the recently condemned infant play space.

The bid is due to be submitted by 5th October, 2012.

(v) NEW TOWN HALL

The guttering contract has been won by Stewart roofing and work is commencing next week.

The Town Clerk informed Members he would be ordering a banner to say 'This Building is Being Developed By Prescot Town Council'.

The Town Clerk has consulted with 4 Architects and received 3 quotes, and would be convening a General Purposes & Finance Committee/Re-Location Committee meeting next week to go through quotes and agree an appointment.

Work has commenced on the borrowing approval to renovate the new Town Hall.

(vi) QUALITY COUNCIL

The Town Clerk informed Members he had started his CILCA training at LALC last night.

Also the Assistant to the Town Clerk had started a similar distance learning course.

(vii) WEB PAGE/EMAIL ADDRESSES

The new email addresses are now set up. The email addresses are listed below:

townclerk@prescot-tc.gov.uk

jackie.rigby@prescot-tc.gov.uk

enquiries@prescot-tc.gov.uk

The webpage is expected to go live in the next month.

(viii) PRESCOT TOWN TEAM

A meeting was held with Members of the Prescot Town Team on Thursday.

They wish to hold a Christmas celebration in the Town Centre to promote Prescot. This represents a good opportunity to further promote the work of the Town Council to residents and local businesses. The Town Clerk will provide a full report for the next Town Council Meeting.

(ix) **STREET LIGHTING**

The Town Centre street lighting has been delayed until the 15 October due to parts shortage, in addition Leyland Street has been deferred until the outcome of the Townscape Heritage Initiative application is known. Scottish Southern Energy will consult with local businesses on the delays.

52. **MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS**

A schedule of Mayoral Engagements was submitted. It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the schedule be **NOTED**.

53. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 12/00447/ADV
- 12/00449/FUL
- 12/00510/TCA

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that there were no objections to the above Planning applications.

- 12/00400/HYB
- 12/00409/LBC

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the above two planning applications be deferred for further information.

54. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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| ●08/00190/FUL | GRANTED |
| ●12/00412/FUL | REFUSED |
| ●12/00176/TCA | GRANTED |
| ●12/00398/ADV | GRANTED |
| ●12/00143/FUL | REFUSED |
| ●11/00291/NMA | GRANTED |
| ●12/00334/ADV | GRANTED |
| ●12/00443/ADV | GRANTED |

55. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Town Clerk reported that Knowsley Borough Council had approved its new

Code of Conduct and it has been recommended that all Parish and Town Councils adopt a standard Code of Conduct.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:-

- i) Members read through the new Code of Conduct to ensure they fully understand the new elements as detailed above;
- ii) the Town Council adopt the new Code of Conduct with immediate effect;
- iii) Members complete all the attached declarations in accordance with the new Code of Conduct and return to the Town Clerk no later than 28 days after adoption, and
- iv) should Members require clarity on any elements of the new Code or the required declarations they should contact the Clerk.

56. BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next Council Meeting.

57. MAYORS CHARITY ACCOUNT

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk be added as an authorised signatory on the Mayors Charity Account..

The meeting closed at 7.38 p.m.

Dated: 28 SEPTEMBER 2012

Signed:

**CLLR L O'KEEFFE
TOWN MAYOR**

